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MEMORANDUM FOR: SA/TA/DPD

SUBJECT: CORONA Stellar Camera

REFERENCE: SA/TA Memorandum [redacted]  
Dated 30 March 1962

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1. Pursuant to your request, we have queried the contractors involved in the incorporation of the subject camera as to quantities and costs. The following is a resume of the information provided:

ITEK - Plans to build twelve (12) cameras for the MERAL Program -- one (1) qualification unit and eleven (11) installed on M-12 through M-22. Total cost is estimated at [redacted]

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LMSC - Plans to install eleven (11) cameras on units M-12 through M-22. Estimated cost is [redacted]

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2. In response to your second query, i.e., the cost of launching the last six (6) MERAL Units, LMSC estimates a cost of [redacted]. ITEK costs will be minimal if the launchings are carried out in accordance with the original schedule of 1 September, 1 October, 2 November, and 2 December.

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3. We have also notified [redacted] NPIC, of the foregoing plans. A cable has also been sent to Eastern advising them.

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4. Complete funding information was made available to [redacted] by memorandum [redacted] dated 3 April 1962 and he has concurred in the availability of funds and authorized us to proceed. As a matter of information, authorization was obtained at the same time to procure the [redacted] and to procure three (3) additional Recovery Vehicles from G-E to provide complete systems for the three (3) ARGON units which lacked front ends.

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